

THIS MONTH WE SALUTE
GENE & ADA KLARMA
WA4LWA & WN4MPU

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Little Red Volkswagen

As Paul Harvey says on his radio show, here is a double occurrence of the flight of the "ONO" bird.

Friends of Walt and Alice Lindner, W4KTE, Pompano Beach, went to the circus near their home in their red Volkswagen. They parked the bug near the circus and went in to enjoy the show. Afterward, on returning to the vehicle, they found that the front of the car was crushed in. (The front of a VW is where the engine ain't). The pair were naturally concerned about this tragedy, so they went to the circus office to inquire about the mishap. "I'm glad you came in," said the circus manager. "I'm afraid that the accident is our fault. You see, some of our elephants are trained to sit on little red stools. The elephant manager was walking a line of elephants past your car when one of them broke from the line and sat on your little red Volkswagen." Oh, No!

Well, after clearing up this mystery, the pair started home, when they noticed an identical red Volkswagen passing them at great speed. This VW had its right side crushed in. Another elephant? After a short while, our heroes were stopped by a highway patrolman. Ensues the following dialogue.

Couple: "What's the problem, officer?" Policeman: "You are under arrest for causing an

Victory's Almost Near

Optimism that a misdemeanor against him will be dismissed was expressed to this publication by Gene Klarman, WA4LWA, North Redington Beach, Fla. Gene and his XYL Ada, WN4MPU were charged by their village for violation of restrictive covenances against ham towers.

As outlined in SKIP last month, the Klarman's decided to fight the case. With the help of the ARRL legal kit, it now

appears that the case might be quietly dropped by North Redington Beach officials. After perusal of the voluminous facts presented by the league, the community feels that they have too weak a case to stand up to appeal. While it is possible for the Klarman's to be convicted at the local level, appeals will surely overturn it. Thus prosecutors are seriously thinking of giving up entirely.

As of this writing, no definite decision has been made. Gene,

Ada, and their lawyer, however are confident of a favorable outcome, at a minimum of expense. Florida amateurs should salute this courageous pair for their time consuming and expensive defense of our hobby. For their determination FLORIDA SKIP names Gene and Ada Klarman, Florida's amateurs of the month. — ABY—

HERE WE GO AGAIN

The Federal Communications Commission has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking. Docket 18,802, to raise application and license fees so that its entire budget will be covered by revenues from licensees.

Under the proposals, amateur application fees would go to nine dollars for new, renewed or upgraded licenses, four dollars for modified licenses and 25 dollars for special call signs. Citizens radio service application fees would rise to 19 dollars along with taxicabs, etc., but commercial radio operator fees would stay where they are now. A new television station license could, however, cost as much as 50,000 dollars. Comment deadline is April 20 and reply deadline May 11, 1970. ARRL members wishing to express a view on the docket should be in touch immediately with their respective directors as listed on page 8 of QST. Further information will appear in the April issue.

(ARRLOB 362)



THIS GLITTERING ARRAY of pageantry features hamdom promoted to royalty. Ft. Myers Edison Pageant of Light last February was presided over by Beau Kagan, WA4DKD (seated). As king of the pageant, Beau was the social toast of the town. Standing behind his majesty are his parents, Abbott Kagan, WA4HDH, and his lovely XYL. Mrs. Kagan ruled the affair as queen in 1940. Lest we be accused of slighting distaff royalty, the Edisona Queen is beautiful Denby Franklin. Alas she isn't a ham. Yet.

(photo from Ft. Myers News-Press via W4DKJ)

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It is with deep regret we report the passing of the following Florida amateurs:

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Letters To Editor

Editor:

Recent legislation proposed to the Florida Legislature, affecting Amateur Radio Operators, emphasizes the need for a statewide amateur radio organization.

It seems appropriate that your publication take the lead in presenting the necessity for such an organization to Florida "Hams".

Comments, pro and con, in your publication indicates your interest in having the subject of the proposed legislation fairly presented to the Legislature. This could be best accomplished through the efforts of a statewide organization.

Last year the Governor of Florida proclaimed "Amateur Radio Week". The occasion received very little advance publicity. As a result very little was done to take advantage of this opportunity to publicize amateur radio before high schools, civic groups, luncheon clubs, and similar organizations.

A statewide organization could remedy this situation and serve the interests of "Hams" throughout Florida in many other ways.

73,

Joseph S. White, WB4KZL/
P.O. Box 46
West Palm Beach, FL 33402

(Editor's note: I strongly agree with your paragraph one and three. Would you or any other Florida amateur like to carry the ball on this subject? SKIP will support whomever does it 100 percent. What say? — AC)

Editor:

Enclosed \$2.00 for Skip. Am not very active. When I became a ham about 10 years ago, I was on the air at home and mobile mostly. However I am set up for AM on my home station and feel "left out" by sidebanders. This has left me rather unconcerned. If we ever get rich enough to go sideband, we may be on the air more.

We moved to Florida a little over a year ago from Mitchell SD. Our pet peeve is to hear people on the air talk about the glories of guarding beer and other alcoholic beverages that have damaged their brain cells. We like Skip, keep it coming.

73

Mr. & Mrs. Willis H. Lyon
EA4NQ — KA4NP
Lake Alfred, Fla.

Thank you for the reproduction of our club certificate in the March issue of Florida Skip. Did not have time to write Club News for April issue but will bring you up to date on recent club activity.

Our first attempt to contact the children at May Morley Elementary School, Lincoln, Nebraska was not successful. This attempt was via mobile on 15 mtrs at 1300 hrs on 26 February 76. The back-up frequency on 20 mtrs was even worse. (All times are local).

We rescheduled this event for 5th of March at the home of "Ace" Goodwin, W4WEU. In Lincoln, Nebraska we had Russ, W4OLCR who was at his home QTH. The children arrived at 1700 hrs. and started talking to their pen pals in Lincoln, Nebraska. Signal strength was excellent (21.300 MHz) and the QSO lasted approximately 2 hours. There were 34 children at "Ace's" house. Teacher in charge of the project at the Lincoln school was Dorothy Bush, W4OVNE. All children are 2nd graders. Local school here is Stevenson Elementary School, Merritt Island, Fla.

73,

Roy J. Durso, K4DJN
Vice President
Space Center ARS

Editor:

I would appreciate your placing a notice in your magazine to the effect that now, Mabi Temple has a new unit, the communications unit.

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73

Melvin S. Chaker, M.D., W4WOP
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Miami Beach, FL 33139

MORE HASBEENS

The EX-Calls keep coming. Have you sent in yours? Editor.

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W4FJF ex K1SRB, W4FGU

W4FJF ex K1OUI, W6GIUS

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AT THE "ADDING MACHINE" of W4BRB VP7 is Mark Lohman, WA4SVO of West Palm Beach during the "CQ 160 Meter Contest" at Grand Bahama Island. BRB and SVO racked up 85K points.

(Photo by W4BRB)

HAM CAMPOREE

Coming up this June during the weekend of the 13th and the 14th you will see one of the biggest aggregation of ham campers gathered together at Florida Campland, seven miles north of Dade City, Fla., on SR 98. This location is run by WB4IUL, Marty Nadler, St. Pete. Gene, WA4YNM and his wife, WA4YNX hosted the affair last year at Royal Park near Tampa. It was such a success and so much fun and pleasure for all females that participated that another is planned for this year.

Case, W4NGR and his wife Claudine, WA4SH claim that they are Florida's "Cam-pingest" ham family, having camped out a weekend a month last year and one whole week of their vacation in over a dozen different campgrounds.

At his campsite Case erects a quick and easy inverted V antenna and calls roll on the Florida Phone Traffic Net Saturday morning, the Florida 1 MARS net again Saturday night and the Knights of the Kilocycles, Sunday morning. W4NGR is president of Seminole County Campers of Florida, a group of thirty families who meet each month for a business meeting and campout somewhere in Central Florida. Claudine, WA4SH is the groups treasurer. If any of you dispute their claims, let us hear from you. Better yet, argue the point at the Ham Camporee June 13th and 14th at Florida Campland, Dade City.

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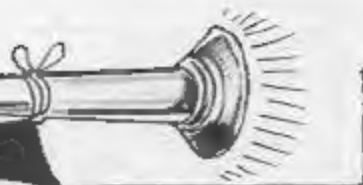
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- CLUB NEWS -



B.A.R.C.

By Jim Wilson, W4GDK

Our regular monthly meeting in March (always the second Wednesday) promises to be very interesting. The program is going to include a demonstration of Radio Teletype Equipment by Fred Schmidt, W4NYF, and a full discussion of the Club's famous Auctionfest, which will follow the

meeting by a few days. Work assignments will of course be outlined.

Also, there will be further information about a conference by Pres. Ruth Christian and Jim Wilson with the Broward County Legislative delegation in a group meeting to explain the problems involved in the car license proposal of the CBers. We hope to make it clear that all the amateurs want is to be divorced from this bill entirely. Then the CBers can seek the license plate privilege on their own. We feel it is unfair of them to arbitrarily raise our license fee 400 percent and to attempt to tear our original authorization bill apart.

Emergency Coordinator, Tom Middleton, reports that for the Canoe Club Race in county waterways March 7, twenty of our Club members are going to man ten 2-meter units on the ten mile course to list the progress of the contestants.

Fred Brauner, W4JZB, is now teaching code and theory for us at the Ft. Lauderdale Boys Club.

New members being inducted are William Elfo W4NDN and Joseph Champagne T.O.M. of Ted Champagne, our Communications Officer.

Anyone interested in amateur radio is welcomed at our meetings, held at the Broward Court House 7:30 PM, the second Wednesday of each month.

Way, Sarasota, Fla. 33580. All equipment, parts, etc. are being used to build comparators, assisting those incapacitated in becoming a ham, upgrading licenses, etc. Items not suitable for such use are sold or auctioned off and proceeds used to purchase anything necessary to complete their projects.

Helen Duncan, XYL of Orlando, W4LTV is home from the hospital recuperating from an operation. I know Orlando is happy. Besides all the "goodies" she makes him, she is his A-1 Secretary. Good luck, Helen, take it easy.

W4HJX, Harvey Bacheider, is looking forward to retirement in a couple of months. Good luck, Harvey.

Freda Offenbutter, XYL of Stan, K4BLM, after returning from a trip to Arcadia, was stricken with severe pains and was rushed to the hospital for a gangrenous appendicitis operation. We trust she is fully recovered by now.

Bill, W4GHR, and XYL, W4BAV, Cathy Soehl stopped in Immokalee on a recent trip to the East Coast. We saw Helen Lester, XYL of Jim, W4VGE, but was sorry to miss Jim as he was on a Juvenile Court case in Naples. However, we are glad to hear Jim checking into the net again. While visiting in Pompano, W4KTE, Walt Lindner and Bill enjoyed a pleasant "eye-ball" with K4VLE, Steve Johnson. Bill & Cathy happily completed their tour by spending a few days with K4ZA, Cal, ("the Blue-Eyed Billy Goat"), Louis and XYL, Minna May, in Port Salerno.

PLATINUM COAST ARS CLUB NEWS

By W4VDM

Not too much to report from this part of the State this month. Only two items this month. 1. Our Annual meeting was held in February with the following Officers elected: President-Don Sanders W4BWS; Vice President-Marv Flynn K4YWC and recently K2ZMV; Secretary-Fran Flynn W4HLEQ; Treasurer-Hal Harman W4AWWP. We are all looking forward to a good year and working these new officers.

2. The PCARS Annual Hamfest will be held in the Melbourne Civic Auditorium (the same place as the four (4) others) on Saturday September 12, 1970. More will follow so be sure to keep a close eye on Florida Skip for further information.

ORLANDO RAMBLINGS

Hal, W4BKC

Jim, W4PAG, and his Hamfest Committee are hard at work on their various

assignments, hopefully wishing that this will be the one Hamfest with the smallest number of boobies.

They will try hard but always remember Murphy's Law (Don't make the old errors - be original - make some new ones.)

At this writing it looks like some ham will be leaving on Sunday with a Galaxy GT-550, and another who hugging out a Drake TR-4, both with AC power supplies. Hope one of the above has my number on it.

The FM group will have their East Coast FM Convention Headquartered at the Jamaica Inn, next door to the Hilton on West 98. I believe the Broward Repeater Assoc. will be the host club.

The Hamfest Committee voted to reinstate the Saturday Nite Dance so come and trip the lights fantastic. Maybe not too much tripping, but some fantastic dancing. A3 Prime will provide the music which will make pleasant listening - even tho you don't dance.

Orlando Hamfest is at the same place as last year. Hilton Inn, 2300 West Colonial Dr. (W. Route 92). Date: May 22 and 24.

Q.C.W.A.

"GATOR" CHAPTER

By Hal Bates, W4FJU

The "Gator" Chapter of the Q.C.W.A. met at the Caseway Inn, which is located on the Tampa end of the Courtney-Campbell Causeway on 28 Feb. A total of 80 were there, bending their elbows and examining the goodies on the swap tables. The XYL's made up for lost time at the Coffee Shop. Sure is nice to meet with old friends and shoot the breeze with the same old guys we used to know many years ago. After all, what better purpose could we have?

Another meeting is scheduled for the same place at the same noon time slot for the Saturday April 4th. Another Swap Shop will be evident, and tables will be set up for you, so bring along any of your surplus gear and turn it into something you want.

Any northern visitors who belong to the Quarter Century Wireless Assn. or who are interested in it, are welcome to come along, and get acquainted with the gang. But please mail in your reservations to Hal Bates, 46 Ventura Dr., Dunedin, FL 33526, so they get here by April 2. A place will be set up for you. Come along and let's have fun.

I.R.A.R.C. NEWS

By S. T. Walker, Sr. W4EWS

Thanks again to Army Mure for coming thru with communications again from Viet Nam from my second harmonic, Tommy Jr. We received our first call from him in December, the second call came thru on February 24th and the last call came last night on March 11th.

The club Activity Committee, headed up by Don Klobe, W4KJV, is preparing for the Florida QSO Party in April. Don is also revamping a Tri-band beam for the club, that was obtained at the Miami Hamfest. George, W4BXJ, had a real hot contact on cv. Seems like there is a bird up in Sharpey with a real neat fist (beak). The call came out W4BXJ Headed Woodpecker.

The cv portion of our 2 Meter Net starts at 1900 EST on Thursdays on 146.502 MHz and the phone portion of the net starts at

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2000 EST. Everyone is welcome to call in. Don, WA4KJV, is NCS for the month of March and Norm, WB4EBH, is NCS for April. May NCS is open. Norm, WB4EBH, copied OSCAR on Two Meters at 0.75 microvolts. All I can hear is corona along Clearlake Rd.

The Indian River Amateur Radio Club meets on the 2nd Monday and 4th Tuesday of every month at the Today Newspaper Auditorium in Cocoa. The first meeting night of the month is an Activity Night and the second is a regular business meeting. See you all there. 73

FLORIDA MIDDAY TRAFFICNET

By Herb, WA4LSR

Plans are shaping up for the luncheon and eyeball QSO of the members of the Florida Midday Traffic Net at the Orlando Hamfest on Saturday May 23rd. Of particular interest to all of us is the fact that our friend and Net Manager Clyde, W4SDR is planning to attend. I know you will all want to join us. I hope you can and bring your spouse, whether it's a him or a her.

Ruth, WA4HED and Jim, W4GDK are going all out to divorce Amateur Radio license plates from House bill 1121 and Senate bill 258. It is difficult for this isn't a bigger year for the Fla than last year was. Let's us hope that by the time this issue of Skip reaches us, the "Bug" will be gone.

Just to remind you that our St. Pete members and their Sunday morning Net on 7265 KHz are available for traffic that is too hot to hold until Monday noon.

Welcome to Don, WB4ICJ at the Kennedy Space Station ARC and to Bill, K4GJ in Daytona, who were added to the FMTN roster in February.

The FMTN held 24 sessions in the short month of February. 818 stations handled 318 pieces of traffic. Average sessions 34. Average traffic 13.3.

BRANDON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

By Gene Burton WA4YNW

The Brandon Amateur Radio Society met March 9th at the First Federal Hospitality Room. Harold E. Johnson, W4ZCR, Product Line Manager for Signal One, presented a program, "How to Couple Your Rig to Free Space Without Hardly Trying." Many club members got a chance to try out the CX7.

The second annual BARS Ham Camporee will be held at Florida Campgrounds Campground north of Dade City, Florida, on June 12, 13 and 14. All hams are invited. For those within driving distance, there will be a picnic Saturday evening. Advanced registration is requested, though not required. For more information, contact Gene, WA4YNW, 129 Marrow Circle, Brandon, Fla. 33511.

Ed, W4YOG, and Al, WA4RGO, have both been hospitalized since our last meeting. Both are home now, but Ed is not yet back on the job.

The next meeting of BARS will be on April 13, when the program will be "Lightning and Grounding" by Herb McElvory, of General Telephone.

Brandon now has a CD center, complete with rigs and antennas at the fire station, thanks to the hard work of several BARS members.

VHF SSB

By K4LFF

As promised last month, here is the list of known active 2 meter SSB stations in the state. I hear there are some in Jacksonville but they are not heard in Fernandina or down Orlando way, and Ralph, W4ZVS, is working into Georgia and South Carolina. I had an unexpected call last night from W4DPE, Clearwater. I sure hope Jim can get his rig warmed up on both 2 and 6. Two meter A.M. activity seems to be picking up in the Orlando area with several new ones showing up including a club call for Channel 1 TV. I had a very nice chat with WB4GLM, Kissimmee, the other night. My one element quad was in the motel about 5 feet in the air and signals over the 25 mile path was not too bad.

Since the new FCC ruling, listen to 144.105 for SSB activity in the following areas: Orlando; W4ZVS, W4ZMJ, W4AZR, W4MSL, K4NTD, W4PAO, WAANKN & W4AWS, Auburndale; W4UWH, Sanford; W4VND, Landrum; W4VET, Melbourne; W4LEY, Valrico; W4VCL, Winter Haven; W4DRJ, Lake Placid; W4CKB, Bradenton; W4TDO, West Palm Beach; W4HDX & W4ALNH, Vero Beach; W4ILZ, Fort Lauderdale; K4RCV & K4UJZ. This is the list compiled by Jack, K4NTD a few weeks ago, so those who are not mentioned, use that gear that is setting idle.

In seeing the story in last month's SKIP about K7UGA, reminded me that Barry is the first one of the Florida VHF Sidebanders to become a "life member".

Many hams in the state who are proud of their hobby are doing all they can to help get the proposed tag fee back to where it was. You know, some even give the tag for the fee only. With the great number of persons in the state who think CBers are the same as hams, I think there should be something done to help educate them. Most of us worked hard for our ticket and didn't go to the post office with a check to get a piece of paper to get on the air. Let's not bury our heads in the sand and give up because there are more of the type who want to continue to operate illegally. I agree, it's much easier to be quiet at times, but if all do the same thing, what is going to happen then?

FLORIDORAS

By Alma Burton WA4YNX

WASAQJ 4 Evelyn from Pennsylvania, is a new member of Floridoras. She is in a mobile park in Melbourne. Hope she checks into the net regularly.

Another new member is K8MZT-4 Shirley. Shirley has been very active in YL organizations in the past and will be as active to our club we are sure.

W4QBV, Dorothea's daughter and granddaughter flew from Ft. Lauderdale to Mardi Gras in New Orleans and back all in one long day! Then Dorothea flew to Houston to be with three grandchildren while her daughter rests in the hospital with the fourth.

K4BHL, Ellie, took off in late January to join her aunt and uncle on a safari in Africa. From Nairobi they went out to camp, where they remained for two weeks. Ellie says the animals and birds were unbelievable, and she has some good movies. She spent two days in Rome on the way home.

W4UF, Don has earned WAZ No. 2000. Congratulations on one of the most difficult accomplishments in DX-ing.

W4WPD, Shirley and her OM had an automobile accident which demolished their car, but fortunately neither of them was seriously hurt.

K4RNS, Marge was off for a few weeks while her Swin was repaired. Looking forward to seeing her on the Wednesday evening net again!

The Floridoras will be meeting the Penn-Jersey YL Club on April 25 at 1 p.m. local time on and about 14300 KHz to work for each other's certificates. Anyone else want to join us?

PLAYGROUND ARC

By Jerry Green K4URR

Dr. Simpson, Director of the National Hurricane Center, Miami, praised amateur radio in his address to the Playground Amateur Radio Club in the spacious dining room of the sparkling new Holiday Inn of Fort Walton Beach. The group of close to 100 club members and their guests were delighted with his vivid description of hurricanes, forecasting, and the new storm research being accomplished by the Hurricane Center. His explanation of how a seemingly small storm coupled with the maximum gravitational pull of the sun and moon, can arrive at the shore and create damage far beyond belief as high winds, maximum tides and the storm all arrive at the same time. He stressed that it was important for all residents of coastal areas to seek out protected escape routes and know the vulnerability of its low lying stretches to surly tides of the storm.

The master of ceremonies, Mr. Jerry Melvin, State Representative from Fort

Walton Beach, stated in his opening remarks that hams were unique today because they were people who wanted to know how to, and did communicate; all as a public service. Mr. Melvin's masterful handling of the event and his interest in ham activities is greatly appreciated.

Our thanks to all club members for their support, hard work and enthusiasm for this, our very first banquet. To point out among so many, whose efforts made the event successful: WB4MHG for publicity efforts, W4UXW for ticket sales and coordinating efforts, W4BVE for drumming up the idea to begin with, W4NMW for being the perfect host to our distinguished speaker, and to W4URK who presented the first annual Amateur Operator of the Year Award and yours truly who sweated out the banquet and its financing. With a group like this the "head beagle" just relaxes in the sun and listens to the plaudits.

Watch for news on the upcoming picnic to be held at the beach of W4SMM in the early summer.

Our club novice code classes are settling down to about 22 students, and instructors W4BYE, K4UVN, W4UXW, WB4NH. K4WAR and K4URR are looking forward to a bumper crop in the early days of April.

Bring your campaign posters, dues, slush fund donations and Skip renewal funds to one of the meetings in March or April.

NOFARS NEWS

By Billy Williams, WA4UFW

March has been a busy month for NOFARS. Besides handling communications for the March 7th eclipse, our club helped with "Good Turn Day" sponsored by Goodwill and the Boy Scouts. Collections expected to be in neighborhood of 30,000 bags with each one providing about four hours of work for a handicapped person. NOFARS provided communication to coordinate pickup of the bags.

Not too much activity during the ARRL DX contest in Duval. Heard were W4CRT, K4LK (WA4UFW, WB4AE, and WA1HIO-4 sp.), K4LQ, WB4EYX, BU Walker, is now QSL manager for Earl, 6Y5ET. Bill can arrange a sked with Earl for anyone needing Jamaica. Bill's kw linear was fired this month at K4LK for use during the second part of the DX contest.

Two new faces in the Jacksonville area are Bayard, WA2HIO-4 and WN4POB. (Continued on Page 8)

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CLUB NEWS

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Jim Bayard is a freshman at Jacksonville University and operates an SB-100 from his dorm room using a small portable whip antenna.

Howard, K4DSN, is at work on his Five Band WAS. He is nearly finished on 40 meters and making steady progress on the other bands.

Jacksonville will celebrate its 150th Anniversary in 1972. The NOFARS Board of Directors are exploring the possibility of a special call for the first month of '72 and the feasibility of a hamfest and contest.

John, K4KLW, is back in shape after a six-week illness and surgery.

A Building Fund has been initiated to go for a permanent home for club meetings and the club station. Methods of financing have not been decided upon yet.

That's about it for this month. Hope to C U in the 1970 Florida QSO Party.

WESTERN FLORIDA NEWS

Frank M. Butler, Jr. W4RKH

Pensacola: K4VPV is now RM for West Fla. W4NBF, NAS Club station, is meeting alternate Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in Hangar 708. New officers of the FFARA, President-KALAN; VP-W4WAX; Sec'y-Texas-K4CPS; W4JCV and W4SSB received Extra Class tickets. 4RIY-W4 stays high on Public Service Honor Roll each month. W4GTJ-4 meets the Merit Mobile Phone Patch net.

Eart Walton: K4QPB-4 is active on the traffic nets; he uses a 30' long wire. W4NJW received the F.A.R.C. Outstanding Amateur of the Year Award at the annual club dinner. Guest speaker was Dr. Simpson of the Miami Hurricane Center. The NW Fla. FM Assn. received its ARRL affiliation charter. W4NEH got his antennas up, only to find his receiver on the blink! The Crestview CD station is now equipped to use the W4KLT repeater. The repeater autopatch is operational, thanks to efforts of W4SWS.

Panama City: W4NEQ is on 148.34 FM. Chipley: New Novices are W4NPG and PVH, daughters of W4NKB. Tallahassee: The TARC Novice class, taught by W4EAO and W4MQQ, has 25 members. W4ALQ, W4MQQ, W4EAO and W4GHE of Perry assisted with communications for the solar eclipse.

SUNCOAST ROVING REPORTER

By Cathy Seidl
WB4V AREA ARNS

The Sarasota Amateur Radio Assoc. had an interesting meeting, Feb. 17th, when W4WTF, Dick Year spoke on DXing as a hobby. The Club is also running a theory class for the Advance Class License, with Larry Loper as instructor.

We understand that those not attending the St. Petersburg Radio Club meeting, Feb. 18th missed a very fine program. Donald Allen, of GEO Space System, gave a talk with slides, on the Electronic Telescope.

W4TF's Bob Penmore, is happy with his new Signal I; it was worth waiting for the delay in delivery. Bob and Edwies are great-grandparents again. Congratulations!

WB3LTU, Win Morris, has been fighting "the bug" for sometime. However, while he is recuperating he is enjoying 10-meters, contacting his friend W4EJ, Bob Palmer, in California. He works him PB both mobile and from QTH.

What happened to W4HFB, Elmer Kuddleson, that he did not wear his beautiful RED jacket to the last QCWA meeting when he ate with the girls. He had hoped he and Dorothy would wear their "his & her" outfits, namely his red jacket and tie and her's matching red dress!

Trust all the Clubs and individuals will take steps to oppose Fla. HB-1121 Bill in reference to amending Sec. 2, Subsec. 1 of Section 328.043 Fla. Statute, which authorized radio amateurs to purchase call letter license plate, to include CBers and raise cost to \$5.00. Also Decker No. 15,502 proposing increasing amateur licenses fees 50 percent or more. Write your Legislator, Governor and ARRL District Director. If CBers are to have license plates a new law should be written in NOT amend the one for radio amateurs passed in the late '50s, recognizing our support and help, particularly in the terrible hurricanes of So. Fla.

TAMPA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

By Frank Shannon, K4GT

Year after year of participation! Yes, again, TARC has completed another two-week period of active radio station participation at the annual "Florida State Fair", Tampa. I understand, that TARC has participated at the fair with the club station, W4DUG, since 1964.

W4DUG transmitted over 3,000 messages direct from booth installation at the fair! Many of these messages were to military overseas personnel. W4BN1 Ralph Condy, was in charge of assigning "CW" operators to stand "watch" during evenings, 7 PM to Midnight. Frank Ziegler, W4BTP 4, was in charge of "front-counter" personnel at the booth. Frank

NEW LAKE AMATEUR Radio Ass'n Officers 1969 - 1970.
Reading left to right: Front row, W4YVR Roy Barnes, Board Directors; W4BP Tay Smith, Secretary; W4ZJI Homer Hexamer, President; W4CPL Gus Goings, Board Directors; K4FC Roger Spicer, Activities Manager, Back Row, W4DRM Howard McNeely, Board Directors; K4LPS Conk Conklin, Trustee; W4FIQ Ken Aiken, Vice Pres.; W4VDY Reid Martin, Ex-Pres. and Board of Directors; W4AHF Maria Wingfield, Treasurer.

was assisted by Bill Holleyhead, W4UFR. Van Patten, W4ETP, assisted by his XYL, Helen, K4GSP4, handled all daylight hours of operating W4DUG 4 on SSB mode. John Fogarty, W4CL, handled all "pre-fair" administrative details.

DELTONA

By Jack Six W4YPA

Deltona C D net is happy to report very good attendance the past month.

W4M2K Doc Brickhouse is on the road to recovery at home after his operation and Hospital confinement.

K4DRJ Bob has his TA 33 Sr. up on his tower now and reports it doing FB job.

Bud Trank has his new call now K4DVG formerly W3VNC.

W4ZOC Robert Fogel from Lockport, N.Y. looking over Deltona for a place to reside. Welcome Robert should you decide on Deltona.

W4WVF Duncy takes all prizes on fishing. Hooked a nice bass and landed it when it flopped back in the water but old Duncy went in the water after it and came up with the bass in his hands. Not bad for a young age seventy.

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By Al Sahr, WB4AID

This is the first time in my life that I have ever had the task of being a secretary.

It will be just as large as being the president — I can see that very clearly from this vantage point. Looks good though. It is easy to see that President Kidder will make a success of his new job. At the moment he is in the process of selecting the new committeemen. He has an enormous quantity of well qualified personnel from which to choose.

We are indeed pleased that Everett M. "Bud" Rod, W44FFJ has responded to our letter of invitation. The Board of Trustees accepted a 5 meter transmitter that "Bud" wishes to give the Society. He is in electronics professionally.

The best surprise that WB4AKH (that's the call of our new president) had during the last regular meeting was the visitor from Dallas, Texas — Stan Scalse, W4WZZ5. Stan is with Texas Instruments,

and gets home once or so a year.

On duty in Germany, Ed Wilder, WB4JIG DL4QM an SP5 with the Army, will bring a bit of the Old Country home with him. Ed was married on February 11, in West Berlin to the former Miss Marie Lasarzewski of that city. We expect him home, with his lovely bride, sometime in May. To them both we extend our hand of happiness and hope that their future will be bright.

Plans are under way to erect a tower atop the Civic Auditorium to replace the old mast that has served as the antenna root (PM) for so many years. Yes, we have a building permit.

BREVARD REPEATER ASSOCIATION

By Mark Manary, W4FJE

Seems for the past few months it has been something each month at Skip time. B-R-A holds its meetings the first Monday of each month at the Barnett Bank in Cocoa at 7:30 PM and all interested amateurs are invited to attend... no cost or obligation! We are busy getting ready for the Orlando Hamfest and hope you are too. The Eastern National FM Convention will be held at the same time, May 15-24, at the Jamaica Inn, which is next door to the Hilton. Get your reservations in early to the Inn or to us at P. O. Box 82, Palm Bay, FL. 32901. We'll be sure you'll be registered. By the way, if everyone will bring their wife (or girl friend), my wife will have come company this year! Let's make it a family-fest!

We hope to have our repeater on the air by the time you read this. We have been busy changing circuits and up-dating what we had. Hal, K4GYO, has a busy life testing the new systems.

Also, we are trying to get new voices on 440.1 MHz, and some faces on 432.8 MHz TV. Bob, W40EZ, is on and Ted, W4JHM, will be on I hope by the time you read this. Boy, you should see his fancy switcher-fader. He can use up to six cameras, and will have that many to use including his film chain!! Hal, Bob, and Ted all have video tape recorders. If you catch them on, get them to tape you and play you back. In-stead of replay?

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ECLIPSE NET

The North Florida Amateur Radio Society (W41Z) participated in another "First," NOFARS, according to Landon Hoyt W4PLE, of Jacksonville, set up a Eclipse Net for the U.S. Naval Observatory, NBC, CBS, ABC, National Geographic, LIFE and many others. The net was mostly on 2 meter FM from Jacksonville to Perry, Madison, Jennings, Fla., Haylow, Homerville, Waycross, Baxley and Jessup, Georgia. Guard was also at Ft. Walton Beach and Vance, Fla. and Eastman, Ga.

The mission of this most unusual net was to pass local weather information to the Key Net Control Stations for determining the best site for Eclipse observation. This determined convoy movement with capability of change en route. It also provided eclipse occurrence data for central recording for the United States Naval Observatory and by assisting by communications in the co-ordination of activities by various scientific and commercial groups in the eclipse path.

Mr. Hoyt reported the Georgia and Florida amateurs really locked hands in this project to provide excellent VHF FM communication coverage. Over 50 amateurs dug into help out. The frequency 3975 kHz LSB was also used.

K4FMA and WA4RRB drove from Miami to Madison in a VW Bus to take photos and observe

Since Florida Skip is read by people all over the country, I thought it would be nice to introduce a group who meet each Tuesday at Noon in Port Salerno. Any "Snowbirds" who happen to be in the area would be most welcome to join us.

First of all, the thriving metropolis of Port Salerno is located about five miles south of Stuart... which places it about thirty five miles north of West Palm Beach. Anyhow... it is about half way between Miami and Cape Kennedy... and it probably isn't on your map. We meet at the Manatee Groggery, located in the heart of greater downtown Port Salerno on Rt. A1A.

Stark Totman W4YB is the "Keeper of the guest book" and the only unofficial officer of the gang. We conduct no business meeting, there are no speeches (except the ones given by C. A. "Cal" Louis... K4GZ.) Cal is well known for his ability to talk at the usual rate of 1000 WPM. I once asked his lovely wife if he ever stopped talking and she said she didn't know... she stopped listening years ago.

Some of the regular attendees are Frank Button W4TV, who

high frequency changes for Channel 6, WCIX, Miami. They also kept c.w. and SSB contact around the state from their eclipse site.

MEET THE GROGGERY GANG

Kayla Hale, W1EMV 4

raises flowers during the day... and something else at night. Ray Kramer W4IRM is almost always on hand. Ray is the Skipper of the "ARK", a beautiful boat which is tied up at a private dock at his home in Rocky Point. Rocky Point is a suburb of downtown Port Salerno. August "Gus" Markus WA8WLP 4 comes on each week from Rio, and Walt Parker W3BNY and Ed Golden WB4KDR come from Jensen Beach.

Vic Lindsay is a regular from Stuart and holds the call WB4HVE. M. W. "Doc" Hale K4MWS, and his "Room-mate" Kayla (Ats-a-me) W1EMV 4, are also in attendance most of the time from Nov. 1st to May 1st each year.

During the Winter months, we have as many as twenty in attendance. We have facilities at the Groggery for many more. No reservations are necessary and we all order from the regular menu. Many times they put out a beautiful buffet for \$1.50. The food is superb!

Anyone who finds himself in the vicinity of Port Salerno on Tuesday will certainly be welcome and will meet a nice bunch of hams at the Groggery.

For any clarification of directions, call Kayla and Doc Hale, 305-287-0982. Who knows? We might become as big as the Goldcoasters some day.

QCWA SOUTHEASTERN CHAPTER

Our second monthly meeting was held March 5th with many new faces present. Walt, W4GJ, our presiding chairman, reported in early, as did also our key officers in this area. As I looked around I noticed representatives of all the major clubs and the league present. The Miami Nets were pretty well represented, even the king-pin behind the Net Guide book.

Many topics of interest were discussed during the evening. Of most interest to our QCWA readers, perhaps, is the QCWA Net frequencies, where you may find our active members. 21.445 — 2300Z Sunday & 7088 — 0100Z Monday are official. Locally, look for our chairman, W4GJ, on 29.044 Friday evening. Our assistant chairman, Ross, W4ZZZ, held forth on 14.230. Your secretary is mobile 28.8 and also monitors 29.044. It is not unusual to hear four of five QCWA mobiles on 29.044 at a time.

Latest member of our chapter is W4ABI, former V.P. of the old Miami Amateur Radio Club. Forget to mention Charlie, W4MNN, an officer of the Flamingo group, who joined some time back. And, of course, John Porter, W4KGJ, our new SCM.

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NET NEWS



EVERGLADES CHAPTER

10-10 International
Net of California

This years get acquainted contest just ended with new recruits numbering close to 1000 on the globe. The greatest Florida activity is in the Miami area with Ivan, W4KIC, as the Chapter Head and Official Florida Relay Station. The main frequency is 28.800 into California from all points on the globe. 28.820 has been assigned to the Miami area to relieve the QRM at Net Time. (10 AM P.S.T.)

W4KIC, K4CYF, and W4JO are gold bar award members, with more than a year in the net. Members are known internationally by their certificate numbers. Local members of the Everglades Chapter are: W4KIC (277), W4ABAL (288), W4CPH (261), W4JO (386), K4CYF (416), W4JGD (391) now in Israel, W4CFX (434), K4IT (473), W4DWN (430), W4VBM (442), W4GJ (489), W4CQB (508), W4UTI (527), W4HWT (720).

73. W4JO.

TROPICAL PHONE NET

By Ken W4SMK

Net Certificates are available for TPTN members who show proof of activity in the net routine W4FLW. You must check in at least ten days every two months to be considered active.

New net members now on the roll call are Herman, W4FJY, Kissimmee, W4ELJW, Don at Venice, W4AOD, Mike in Key West, and W4PWF-4, Bob at Gainesville. Glad to have you with us, guys.

Al, W4ARGO, was in and out of the

hospital and is reported as doing OK now. He and the rest of the Fla. Sidebanders are sponsoring the newly formed Fla. Boy's Ranch Amateur Radio Club, as well as the ham club for the Deaf and Blind School. These are both very worthy projects, and I'm sure the Sidebanders will welcome any useful donations of radio equipment, or cash, you may wish to give. They could also use some donations of your time and labor to help out at various times, so contact W4ARGO if you are willing.

We have lots of stations checking in these days, and considerable "informal traffic", but there is a shortage of formal traffic. Since formal traffic is the lifeblood of any traffic net how about digging up some for us next time you check in? If every net member originated just one piece of traffic per week it would help make our net more interesting, and make W4KJ's statistics look a lot better.

A note to stations originating traffic to APO or FPO addresses. Please limit the group count to 35 words, including the signature. Anything longer than this is impossible to pass via MARS. If you must be long winded send more than one message. Thanks and 73.

QFN REPORT



By K4ENY-4
(Tampa)

February QFN was superlative, what with leftover activity generated by our successful SET, and Fla State Fair traffic influx. More and more stations are doing more and more jobs, leaving the erstwhile iron men to pick up the tag ends. 12 different NCS's and 18 different region net liaison stations did duty in February. Manager HJW, issued net certificates to the following: W4DJ, W4DVO, W4PFC, K4GJ, W4HJV, W4IER, W4JJK, K4JWM, K4KE, K4LAN, W4LDM, K4VY, and 8R1Y4W4. Don's term of office expires May 1, so the floor is open for discussion for a new workhorse. . . . ahhh . . . net manager. Volunteers and draftees from North West Florida now being solicited.

The shining new faces on the net this month were W4HHP, Frank, in Miami; W4AOD, Mike in Key West; W4AYB, Bruce in Jax; and K4QPH-4 Alan in Shalimar.

Your net organization staff, with the appointment of Winky, W4NBT as Asst. Net Manager for 4RN Liaison consists of the following:

W4HJW Don Venice	Net Manager
K4EEZ Bob Orlando	Asst. Manager
W4NBT Winky Hollywood	Net Controls
8R1Y-4 Des Pensacola	4RN Liaison
W4SCK LJ Vero Beach	RN Liaison
W4LE Reg Miami	SSB Liaison
	Bulletin Ed.

Assignments for the duty roster are always needed and if you don't already have one, you should pick out your favorite

before they all gang up on you. Assignments are voluntary, of course, and 100 percent reliability is not required nor usually expected, just try. We are now filling alternate assignments for each duty for just that reason. If you have questions, any of these very enthusiastic ops will be glad to sign you up, fill you in, and help you along.

If Feb results are any indication, the campaign of W4NBT and W4SCK and W4LE is leading us well on the way to becoming the Friendliest, Most Congenial Net in the World. Florida Hams are invited to have a look at this new face.

FTPN

Case, W4NGR

February was a short but good month for the Florida Phone Traffic Net. We averaged the same as the previous month in QNI and QTC. Howard, W4CTQ, the former net manager has been off the air because of rig trouble. He also had a operation that put him in the hospital for awhile.

The fellow who keeps law and order on the highways of Brevard County, also keeps law and order on a Florida net on 3940 kHz. (See Florida Skip's March issue) Pull over there W4BWE! Rich, W4EED, is another who keeps law and order for our state parole office. Both are interesting and hazardous careers handled by equally capable men. We urge all traffic handlers in this and other Florida nets to send in your station activities reports to your SCM. Support your ECs also.

GATOR NET

This February report is being written after Ev. W4LA has taken the helm of management. Succeeding Tom K4COO. Tom and I joined GN at about the same time, when Herb Hamilton K4KDN was

manager. I was impressed with Herb's superb fist and the spirit of the net. A session on GN seemed like several Villagers gathering down at the Post Office to pick up the morning mail and having a pleasant "good morning" together. When Herb died in 1967, the mantle fell on his close friend Tom Dickie K4COO. Tom carried on in the best GN tradition.

Tom got his first ham ticket at age 18 with his call VE3DIF, and ever since then has handled Morse or CW traffic. He served with the Canadian Army Signal Corps overseas during WWI. Then followed work with the Canadian National Railways and the Seaboard Air Line Railway in Florida as Station Agent and Telegrapher. In 1928, while with S&L, he met Claire of Auburndale and made her his June bride. Their three sons were born in Canada.

Assisting Tom for a few months has been a very enjoyable experience. I feel honored to be associated with men like Herb, Tom and Ev who stand tall in the ranks of Radio.

73 de HQ W4ENW

FLAMINGO NET

Frank Orcutt W4JO

March 1st ushered in another successful "Hidden Transmitter Hunt" with six mobiles starting and five finishing in just 2 hours flat. To explain what happens on one of these hunts in fine detail would be very difficult as most everyone has his own technique and certainly the mobile equipment does vary over great limits.

Power ranged from 75 to 3 watts with 10 watts as an average. Solid state, vibrators, and even dynamotors supplied the power from the car's 12 volt battery system. Loops of every possible design have shown up, and then again some depend entirely on the directional effects of mobile whip antennas. Would you believe

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GN	286	338	10.2	12.1	28
QFN	563	576	10	10.3	56
FAST	913	197	39.6	8.6	23
FPTN	450	96	18.75	4.0	24
NHN	36	16	4.5	2.0	8
WFPN	413	42	4.6	1.5	28
TPTN	—	—	—	—	—

TRAFFIC HOUNDS

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some depend on "S-Meter" readings only though most of the time they trail last.

We tried the last method and came in next to last with some very weird observations. Full preparedness is necessary if you want to win. We forgot to check the water in the radiator and this almost caused us to drop out, after wasting 20 minutes going for fresh water.

W4DTJ, the Main Bang from Central Area, was the hidden bunny this time and Carl did a good job of it. Kirk, W4GGJ, our esteemed Treasurer came in first and won himself a little surprise package for his efforts. W4MNN rolled in second with his mystery van. Charlie is our Assistant Activity Manager and is geared for all transmitter hunts. K4CZY don't do so bad either though this time he came in third. W4JO and W4GJ trailed last but we promise to beat you all next time. Sorry to report that W4BAL had to drop out when his available time expired.

FLORIDA FAA NET

By George Cooper W4EH

The Florida FAA Net meets Sundays 1500GMT 1000E 7260. Net control, W4JVA. Paul Colby, had recent new check ins. W4AHE Phil from Miami and W4BON Larry from Jacksonville. A big welcome to you all.

K4BV Floyd and KYL are new grandparents of Granddaughter Kirsten. Floyd, W4VB Stark from Stuart advises he had a nice Sarasota meeting with other members of the "Airstream Trailer" net. While the net is composed mostly of FAA retirees everyone is welcome. FAA members who are interested in a CW or SSB nation-wide net on 20 Mtrs check with W4JVA for time and freq 73 and hope to CU on the net.

ST. PETE 7265 NET

By Rich W4JRV

The net changes have gone into effect and these few new uniform procedures makes it easier for everyone. Our meetings are more efficient and stations checking-in with traffic will find that their messages are handled very quickly, with no delays, and that they can get in and out if they are short of time.

W4HHI and W4HNL spent a weekend at the Florida Sheriff's Boys Ranch in Live Oak, trying to further the interest in ham radio. They enjoyed the stay, and might go up there again.

W4LFP, Dave, has put up a new antenna that has really boosted his signal.

Welcome Tom, W4OPL. Tom is 15 years old; he's using a 58-101 which puts out a fine signal on 40. He is one of our links into W. Palm Beach.



ASST. E. FLA. SCM, Al Hamel, K4SJH of Pompano Beach is getting his RTTY gear ready for traffic and rag chews on 80 and 40. See column elsewhere.

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FLORIDA SKIP, the all Florida Amateur Radio Publication, is happy to announce the SIXTH annual FLORIDA QSO PARTY to be held April 4th and 5th, 1978. All amateurs are invited to participate. Florida amateurs are urged to work as many out-of-state stations as possible as well as those within the state. This year, provisions have been made establishing a portable category, to encourage field day-type operation from RARE Florida counties.

CONTEST PERIODS: Sat 1500-2000, Sun 0000 0500, 1400-2359 all times GMT

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Florida stations: 1 point/QSO X number of states, provinces and countries U.S. counts as Maryland. Other Florida stations may be worked but only for contact points, NOT for a multiplier. Maximum multiplier is 70, (49 states, 10 provinces, and 11 DX). No more than 11 DX countries will count towards the multiplier. Multi-op: single unit per mode, maximum 50 QSOs.

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This little blurb will be of interest, I hope, to any and all RTTYers whether MARS or solely amateur, serious or playboy, dumb or smart.

Before getting into the meat let me assure all and sundry that my status is only that of an interested RTTYer whose outside duties, etc. makes it virtually impossible to meet a steady sked. I like to meet more guys on RTTY and even occasionally be able to maybe pass a few pieces of traffic.

Now, I feel it in my bones that I am not unique in my present circumstances and that there must be others who perhaps faintly feel as I do.

Thanks to Rex W4ZAG in Tampa we have a nice frequency for 30 meters, 3704 Khz. I believe that Rex and a few other fellows come on every evening at about 7 PM for a yakfest. On 40 meters I would suggest 7120 Khz as the frequency but on Tuesdays and Thursdays the RACES net meets on 7.215 Khz and that's a little close for comfort so how about making it a few Khz higher as the daytime frequency.

The main idea is to establish the frequencies first. Now, supposing that any hour on the hour, anyone who is free at the moment and wants a QSO turns on his gear and makes a call or two.

Here you have it. No formal net, no net control station, no rules, no dues, no reports (except that of the individual to the SCM if he so desires).

The way I figure it, no one has to commit himself to anything. He can come in on the spur of the moment and leave when he pleases.

For those who are a bit public service minded it would be nice to know where and when RTTYers can possibly meet and assist in communications by a real fast method.

Before we go off half-cocked let's yak about it for awhile and then get together and reach a final agreement about how it will be done — and then do it. How about dropping me a line. Knock it off on your printer or send me a tape. Al Hamel, K4SJH, 220 N.E. 25th St.

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FOR SALE: Complete Hatzcrafters full legal power station receiver SX101A (Ser. No. 253282), X-mitter HT-37 (Ser. No. 299439), full gallon amplifier HT-33B (Ser. No. 333303-122029). Complete with antenna and amplifier changeover relays and cables, all manuals, two original cartons. Will ship anywhere - you pay freight. Total Cost \$1275.00. Your price \$850.00. Will sell individual units - Receiver \$145.00, Xmt \$175.00, Amplifier \$294.00 Edward D. Meeker WA4QE0, 3444 Sanders Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32211. Phone office 904-737-2800, home: 904-744-3113.

FOR SALE: National 300 receiver in A-1 shape \$100.00. WANTED in buy: SB-300 in A-1 shape or a 1KW job. Herb Hofer WB4KVK, 2031 - 12th St., Sarasota, FL 33577 Phone 955-8005.

FOR SALE: HW-100 with Swan Vernier dial. SB-500 speaker, SB-630 station Console. Homebrew a.c. supply, Astatic, D-104 mike and stand \$310.00. Chas Fowkes WB4FOM, 1613 - 30th West, Bradenton, FL 33505 Phone (813) 746-2949.

HY-GAIN TRAPS, new, blue plastic, old type, 1/2 inch OD alum tubing one end, 1/4 inch OD other end. Two pair 10 meter MT, two pair 15 meter R, one 10 MT and one 10 R, ten traps in all for only \$10.00 postpaid. Or what have you to swap? Color TV xkls, sub carrier etc type, long leads, 357MHz to \$1.00 pair postpaid or will accept donated foreign stamps to be forwarded England buy receivers for handicapped hams. G. Hayman WA4NED, Box 468, Gainesville, GA 32601.

FOR SALE: HEATH GR-64 receiver 1.5 to 30 MHz with 5W log. Very good condition \$25.00. Todd Hyder, 580 Oriole Ave., Miami Springs, FL 33166 Phone 885-6823.

WANTED: Heath HW-12 in good condition. Tom Harper, WA4JHS, Rte. 2, Box 57A, North Ft. Myers, FL 33903 Phone 985-5314.

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WANTED: 500 or 600 cycle filter for 75A4. Have 6 kc filter for sale. Ray Parwell W4BJ, 370 N.E. 14th Terr., No. Miami, Fla. 33181 Phone 945-0875.

FOR SALE: 3000 watt linear, two 4-400A parallel grounded grid complete with power supply, variac, meters and relays all in one cabinet, 110 or 220 a.c. Howard Morgan, W4DUM, 5118 Roosevelt St. Hollywood, Fla. 33021 Phone 961-3373.

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IF THE QNI WAS LOW on GN NHN QFN Sunday Jan. 18, there was good reason. WA4IMC Charlie of Panama City snapped the above following our QFN Hambaros Breakfast Meeting. Standing L-TW4EHW, Unidentified Novice, K4VFF, WA4NBT, K4EHY, W4IYT, K4LEP, W4KRC, K4SJB, WA4YAK, K4FMA, and kneeling L-R WA4SCK, W4FPC, WA4DBU, WB4JNI, W4ILE, W4IKR and W4RKH, W4YPPX and K4KE were already QND.

(Photo WA4IMC)

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congregate, especially those of 50 year vintage. Next dinner meeting, April 2, Thursday evening, 7 P.M., will be held at the same place. A table piece which will be for observation only will be a "50 Year Old Antique" which was discussed at our last meeting. We are also looking for a genuine Loose-Coupler a la 1915-25.

Our latest project is "Operation Round-up". Remind your old friends we are looking for QCWA members. See you at Smitties Coffee Shop, April 2, Thursday 7:00 PM sharp. While you're at it, mark the calendar — The First Thursday of each Month, then plan to meet with us. 3200 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami. — W4JO

ODD BALLS

From time to time I hear certain non-participating hams make critical comments about the operation of the various nets. They don't like the long roll calls, the time taken to list traffic, the way the NCS handles the net. In fact they think nets are simply a waste of time and effort.

The peculiar thing about them is that whenever they need a fone patch or somehow fall heir to a piece of traffic they usually "horn in" on a going net. It is individuals like these who cannot understand why other people call them "odd balls".

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VOLKSWAGON

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accident and leaving the scene of that accident."

Couple: "Accident? We haven't been in any accident."

The Patrolman smiled and asked, "And just how do you explain the crushed front end?"

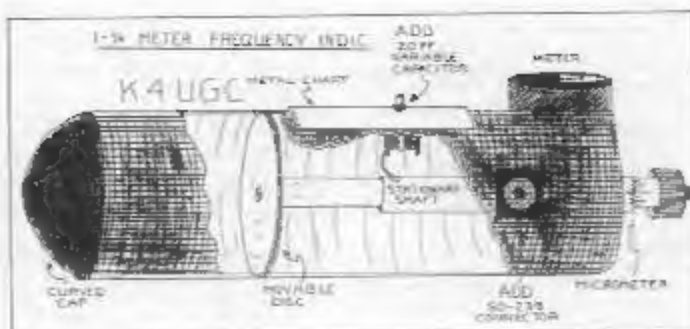
Couple: "That's simple. An elephant sat on it."

OH, NO!

Good news, though. Our owners of the little crushed red volkswagon, were cleared by the circus manager. We trust that their car is fixed.

Morale: If you own a little red volkswagon, don't park it near elephants.

73 W4GHR



A 1 1/4 METER FREQ. METER

Dick Frederick, K4UGC

A navy surplus cavity frequency meter (type CWS-60028) does not cover the amateur bands, but can be modified to resonate in the 220 MC to 225 MC amateur band.

Remove the metal dial chart, drill a 1/4-inch hole in the center where the chart was. Open the cavity, curved cap, then remove the movable disc. Connect a variable capacitor to the shield of the cavity. The stationary portion of the capacitor connect to the stationary portion of the cavity center post. A 20pf (or 2.9 - 19.5, Allied stock No. 43-A3761) will do.

Reinstall the movable disc and curved cap. Check to see that the open variable capacitor does not touch the movable disc. Install "N" fitting (or S0239 type fitting), check with known frequency and set the variable capacitor for the wanted range. Use a micrometer to read frequency and make a new dial frequency chart. Bring RF energy to the frequency meter gradually as the indicator in the cavity is very sensitive.



HANDLING COMMUNICATIONS for the 6th Annual Lake Maggiore hydroplane races were L to R: Standing K4CNB Commi Chairman, W4NEO, W4JGS. Front: Nancy, W4EDL, W4NOD and W4IZJ. Others participating with this ARPSC group were W4FEO, K4AVH, K4VQJ and W4QJH. TV Chnl 10 MC, Dick Crippen gave a big boost for amateur radio in St. Petersburg. The group received letters of congratulations for providing communications during the races. Well done gang!

(Photo by Doug Harbert.)

"John," said Mrs. Spenders, "I've got a lot of things I want to talk to you about."

"Glad to hear it," snapped her husband, "usually you want to talk to me about a lot of things you haven't got."

A budget helps you pay as you go — if you don't go anywhere.

It's incredible what women put into their handbags. A juvenile delinquent snatched a woman's purse, got \$2.86 and a hernia.

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Ken W4SMK

The weird weather we spoke of in last month's PSC column still prevails. W4BWE, Tom the new EC in Brevard Co., got a baptism under fire as a tornado tore up the northern edge of Titusville March 6. Most of the action was on 2 meters, and Tom reports a good show by his new AREC group. Considering the damage of over a million dollars, it was a miracle no one was killed or seriously hurt. See last month's Skip for a photo of W4BWE with mike in hand and a determined look. You took over as EC just in time, Tom.

The same bad weather blew off some roofs around Lakeland and several other places. While I was writing this column we had 3-4 inches of rain and winds up to 60 mph here at Ft. Myers. It will be a relief when the hurricane season arrives. At least we will get a little warning about them, and we know what to expect.

Received a note from W. Fla. SEC W4IKB. Mac says he is not much of a writer in response to my request for a guest column, but he goes admit there are some things he would like to get off his chest. So be on the watch for an article by W4IKB in this spot one month soon.

I finally got to see the ARRL movie, The Ham's Wide World, thanks to the efforts of EC, W4BNE in putting it on all the TV stations in Tampa. Ray finally got it on one of the stations we receive on cablevision here, and it was good, even in black and white. It certainly covered all the important phases of amateur radio well in a 30 minute presentation.

A reminder that the Fla. League Official and Appointee Net meets every week following the FSBEN on 3940 at about 0100 Z Thursdays. Note: this is 8:00 PM Wednesday if you still use old fashioned time.

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